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BY THE HOUSE RULES COMMITTEE

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Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVE HOLM

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to the membership and duties of and quorum requirements for the**
2 **Alaska Commission on Aging; and providing for an effective date."**

3 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

4 *** Section 1.** AS 47.45.200(a) is amended to read:

5 (a) The Alaska Commission on Aging is established in the Department of
6 Health and Social Services. The members of the commission include

7 (1) the commissioner of health and social services or the
8 commissioner's designee;

9 (2) the commissioner of commerce, community, and economic
10 development or the commissioner's designee;

11 (3) **a senior services provider, regardless of age, appointed by the**
12 **governor** [THE COMMISSIONER OF ADMINISTRATION OR THE
13 COMMISSIONER'S DESIGNEE];

14 (4) the chair of the Alaska Pioneers' Homes Advisory Board under

1 AS 44.29.500; and

2 (5) seven persons selected on the basis of their knowledge and
3 demonstrated interest in the concerns of older Alaskans, appointed by the governor in
4 accordance with (b) of this section.

5 * **Sec. 2.** AS 47.45.200(c) is amended to read:

6 (c) The persons appointed under **(a)(3) and** (a)(5) of this section serve
7 overlapping four-year terms, and serve at the pleasure of the governor. A member may
8 be reappointed, but a member appointed under **(a)(3) or** (a)(5) of this section may not
9 serve more than two consecutive terms or eight consecutive years, whichever is
10 longer.

11 * **Sec. 3.** AS 47.45.200(d) is amended to read:

12 (d) If a person appointed under **(a)(3) or** (a)(5) of this section fails to attend
13 three consecutive meetings of the commission, a majority of the members of the
14 commission may request the governor to terminate the membership of the member and
15 to fill the vacancy.

16 * **Sec. 4.** AS 47.45.200(e) is amended to read:

17 (e) A vacancy in the membership of persons appointed under **(a)(3) and** (a)(5)
18 of this section shall be filled by appointment by the governor. The person appointed
19 serves for the unexpired portion of the term.

20 * **Sec. 5.** AS 47.45.210(b) is amended to read:

21 (b) The **member** [MEMBERS] of the commission listed in
22 AS 47.45.200(a)(2) [AND (3)] may not vote on matters before the commission. A
23 majority of the members of the commission listed in **AS 47.45.200(a)(1) and (3) - (5)**
24 [AS 47.45.200(a)(1), (4), AND (5)] constitutes a quorum for conducting business and
25 exercising the powers of the commission.

26 * **Sec. 6.** AS 47.45.240(a) is amended to read:

27 (a) The commission shall

28 (1) approve a comprehensive statewide plan that identifies the
29 concerns and needs of older Alaskans and, with reference to the approved plan,
30 prepare and submit to the governor and legislature an annual analysis and evaluation
31 of the services that are provided to older Alaskans;

1 (2) make recommendations directly to the governor and the legislature
 2 with respect to legislation, regulations, and appropriations for programs or services
 3 that benefit older Alaskans;

4 (3) encourage the development of municipal commissions serving
 5 older Alaskans and community-oriented programs and services for the benefit of older
 6 Alaskans;

7 (4) employ an executive director who serves at the pleasure of the
 8 commission;

9 (5) help older Alaskans lead dignified, independent, and useful lives;

10 (6) request and receive reports and audits from state agencies and local
 11 institutions concerned with the conditions and needs of older Alaskans;

12 (7) with the approval of the commissioner of health and social
 13 services, set policy for the administration of federal programs subject to state control
 14 as provided under 42 U.S.C. 3001 - 3058ee (Older Americans Act), as amended [,
 15 AND EVALUATE GRANT APPLICANTS AND MAKE GRANT AWARDS
 16 UNDER THOSE PROGRAMS];

17 (8) with the approval of the commissioner of health and social
 18 services, set policy for the administration of state programs as provided under
 19 AS 47.65 [AND EVALUATE GRANT APPLICANTS AND AWARD GRANTS
 20 UNDER THOSE PROGRAMS];

21 (9) give assistance, on request, to the senior housing office in the
 22 Alaska Housing Finance Corporation in administration of the senior housing loan
 23 program under AS 18.56.710 - 18.56.799 and in the performance of the office's other
 24 duties under AS 18.56.700; and

25 (10) provide to the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority, for its
 26 review and consideration, recommendations concerning the integrated comprehensive
 27 mental health program for persons who are described in (d) of this section and the use
 28 of the money in the mental health trust settlement income account in a manner
 29 consistent with regulations adopted under AS 47.30.031.

30 * **Sec. 7.** This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).